

WIDE RETREAT BY PRUSSAINS BEING FORCED THROUGH ATTACK

Crucial Points Appear Certain To Fall and Retirement Must Follow To Save German Army From Being Cut To Pieces

ST. QUENTIN IS BEING STEADILY ENVELOPED

Bitter Resistance Is Beaten Down Though Along Greater Part of Line Comparative Calm Is Reported Reigning

NEW YORK, September 21—(Associated Press)—Although there has been comparative calm along the greater portion of the west front during the past twenty-four hours there has been, nevertheless, some intensive fighting at crucial points and the buttress positions at the north, center and south end of the Hindenburg line are certain to fall, at which the entire line will give and another wide German retreat be under way.

COUNTERS BEATEN BACK

Heavy German counters, successful in their first rush, have been beaten back in some particularly bloody fighting west of Cambrai and the British are now firmly installed in the dominating positions that go far to make that city untenable for the Germans. These counters, which had been made on the Moenvres sector on Thursday, were finally defeated yesterday, when Scottish troops overcame the Germans and completely cleared them out of all the positions they had regained.

North and northwest of St. Quentin, where the German resistance has become bitter and where the foe is putting up a sturdy fight for every foot of ground, the British made steady progress, passing over ground piled deep with German dead. Much of the fighting was at close quarters, with few prisoners taken. The Australians at time bayoneted their way forward through almost solid masses of the Huns.

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The Australian attack was made at a point four miles northwest of St. Quentin, advancing from Bellengise for nearly two-thirds of a mile into the Hindenburg defense system, while at other points north and south additional ground was gained by the persistent thrusts of the Tommies.

London despatches state that northwest and west of St. Quentin the advanced defenses of the Hindenburg line have been broken at a number of new places and the British front now borders the Hindenburg line almost everywhere except west of the city itself, where the town is girdled by a most powerful defensive system. No direct attacks are being made against this system, but every effort is being made to encircle the city and force its evacuation or surrender.

South of St. Quentin the French have fought their way to points well to the east of Essigny-le-Grand, their new front now being southeast of the city.

ARCHBISHOP OF IRELAND IS CRITICALLY ILL

ST. PAUL, September 21—(Associated Press)—Archbishop John Ireland is seriously ill at his home here. It is feared the end may come within two days. His age, eighty years, is retarding recovery.

Since word of his illness has gone out sincere expressions of regret are reaching here from all parts of the country.

DIRECT THRUST AT METZ BELIEVED TO BE NOT INTENDED

Other and Less Costly Means of Achieving Same End Are Seen By Observers

LOOK FOR THRUST IN NORTHERLY DIRECTION

Continued Rains Delay Operations But Do Not Entirely Check Aviators Work

WASHINGTON, September 21—(Associated Press)—Direct attack on Metz or attempt to advance upon Metz is considered unlikely by military observers who are confident that other and less costly tactics will be employed.

While the American sector in the St. Mihiel sector directly threatens Metz, military experts say that the city is not likely to be taken directly, but that there is a possibility of its being reached by a series of attacks from the north and south.

Other Means—But there may be other means which will achieve the same end. They expect to see an Allied thrust between Verdun and Rheims and say this would have the effect of a rain of blows against the "Thunberg Metz" stronghold.

In his communication of September 19, General Pershing said: "In the West, the enemy's defensive positions are fully ready for the enemy lines and captured fifteen prisoners. In the Vosges sector a hostile raiding party was repulsed with losses."

Rains Continue—Other despatches said that the German front had been transformed into a bog by the recent heavy rains which had made movements difficult and all but impossible. Notwithstanding the continued heavy weather, aerial activity continued, although lessened to a degree.

Lieutenant E. L. L. of Arizona, a member of the aviation corps, of his own initiative has started a series of attacks against the enemy's observation balloons and in four days has downed eleven in addition to destroying two enemy airplanes.

Acknowledges Message

General Pershing's reply to the congratulatory message sent him by President Wilson has been received.

HOLLAND IS GIVEN DIRECT WARNING

Acquiescence To German Demands Will Get Netherlands No Supplies From America

WASHINGTON, September 21—(Associated Press)—Warning has been served upon Holland that so long as the Netherlands shall show itself subservient to the will of Germany, it can expect neither from the United States nor the Allies. It must stop its shipping or must go without supplies.

Acquiescence of Holland to the demands of Germany has caused the state department to issue a short and sharp warning in the form of a statement which says that it is hoped that the Dutch government will lift the embargo which is keeping the American and British shipping. It further gives the Dutch government that any appeal for American food stuffs under existing conditions will be futile until Holland shall follow the example of the Scandinavian, Swiss, and Spanish and enter into agreement with the United States and its Allies. Upon signing such agreement and living in accordance with it, Holland may expect to secure abundant supplies.

NATION INDEPENDENT FOR ITS MAGNESITE

SPokane, September 20—(Official)—Operating near here there is a mine which is now producing from 100 to 150 tons of magnesite monthly, making it the largest known mine of its kind out side of Germany and Austria. During the period of the war it is of immense value to the United States and its Allies.

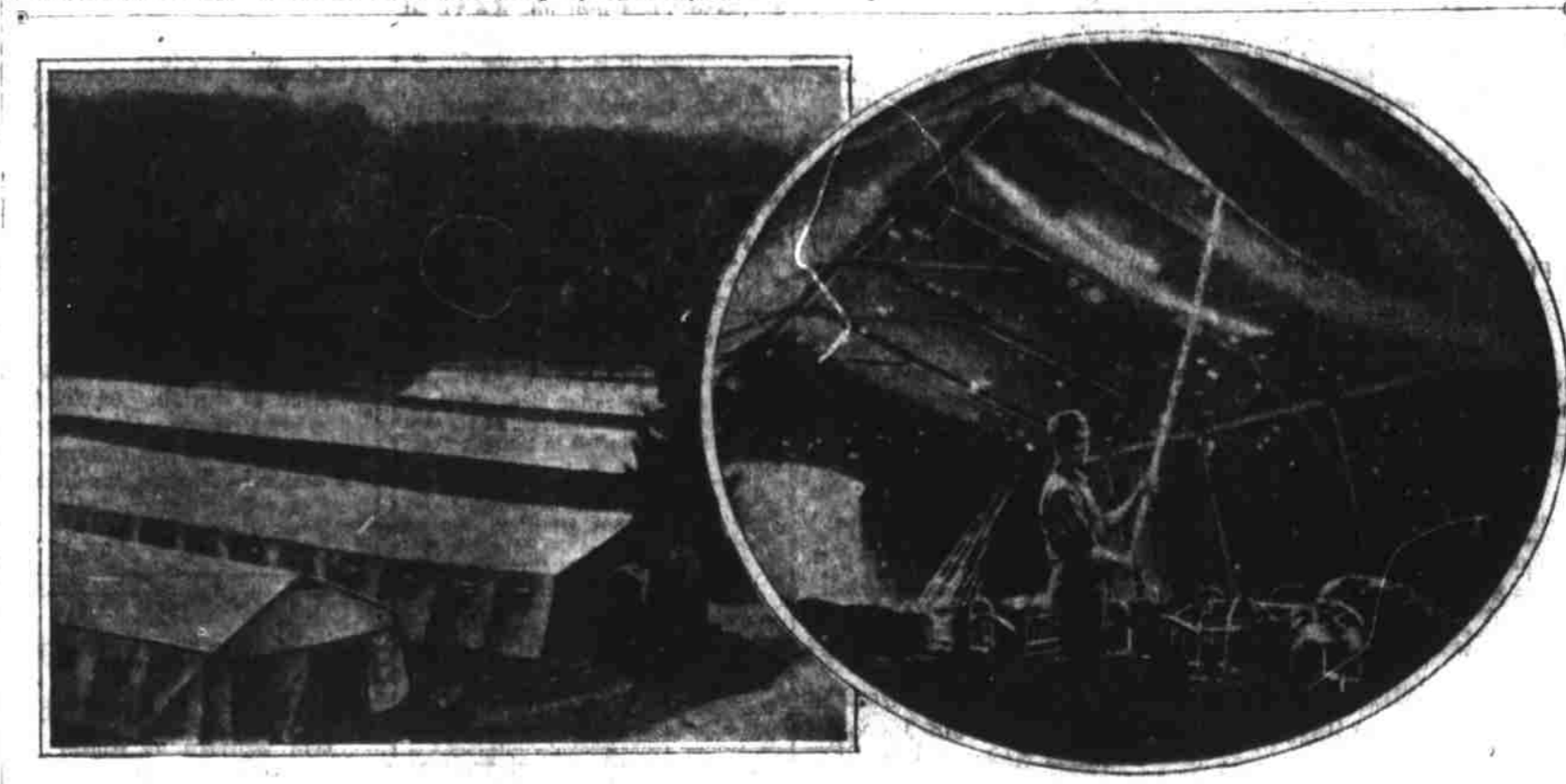
One mining corporation said that after the war its product will replace what would otherwise have to be obtained from Austria or Germany.

That the United States has developed through its easily accessible and abundant deposits of potash, have rendered the United States independent of Germany for its supplies of potash.

MOORE TO PRESIDE

QUEBEC, September 20—(Associated Press)—Thomas Moore of Niagara Falls was elected president today of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, over J. C. Waters.

TENT WARDS of American Red Cross hospital raided in France and the interior of one tent after raid which occurred July 15 and was similar to that of yesterday. Two of the tents were destroyed and two persons were killed and fourteen injured. In the tent shown at the right beds and bedding were torn to shreds and four patients and nine orderlies wounded. The splashes shown on the tent walls are holes caused by flying shrapnel.



Hun Raiders Kill Eight In Hospital

WASHINGTON, September 21—(Associated Press)—Once more has a Red Cross hospital been used as a target by Hun raiders and in a wise accidental is clearly indicated by the fact that it was a hospital for the wounded.

It was well on toward the second day of air raiding upon this clearing hospital that a direct hit was made. The shell landed in a ward that was occupied by patients who had been wounded or were suffering from shell shock.

By the explosion of the bomb eight Americans were killed and others were injured, including several members of the medical corps.

OKUMA LOOMS UP FOR PREMIERSHIP

Belief Grows That Saionji Will Not Accept Task of Forming Japanese Cabinet

TOKIO, September 20—(Special)—Nagata Jiro, Marquis Saionji, Okuma, former premier of Japan and probably the best known Japanese statesman, today seems large as a possible successor to Premier Saionji.

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BULGAR'S FLIGHT GROWS INTO ROUT

Macedonian Battle Has Become Serious Disaster For The Central Powers

NEW YORK, September 21—(Associated Press)—Burning depots and camps as they go, the Bulgarians are hastening their retreat, leaving behind them thousands in prisoners and large stores of arms and booty. Official Serbian reports received in Paris last night said that the advance of the Allies was continuing and had crossed the Gerna River. Several more villages were captured yesterday and the Serbian forces alone had counted more than 5000 prisoners for the day.

Earlier messages to Paris said that on Wednesday the prisoners taken had numbered more than 10,000.

On Thursday the British and Greeks in the lake Ohrid region, although pursuing with a still reluctant while attacking on both sides of the lake, captured the Agency outpost lines to the south of the lake, gained 2000 yards and took prisoners. Yesterday along this front the advance continued, overcoming resistance slowly but with certainty and gaining speed with the advance.

The Serbians extended their front westward to the Gerna River and it is now twenty-five miles in width. The total advance made by these forces has been from fifteen to seventeen miles. All of the Bulgarian trench systems have been penetrated and the allied cavalry, hotly pursuing the retreating foe, crossed the Gerna river twenty-eight miles north of Sokol.

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Huns Told To Be Thorough In Destroying

AMERICAN ARMY IN LORRAINE—More careful and ruthlessly exacting destruction of the towns and country places which they abandon has been ordered by the German command which evidently feels that "retreating forces have become soft."

Prisoners taken from prisoners recently captured and the some which other prisoners have told show that recently the German command has issued orders for a more methodical and complete destruction of the towns that may be abandoned and the lying waste of the country. The orders to the destruction detachments also said that they should "remember that there are ways to and means at hand to defile all the wells in country that may be evacuated."

Many former residents of the towns delivered by the American victory are returning to their homes but numbers will never return and others find the villages which they formerly occupied have been leveled to the earth.

COLUMBUS DAY TO BE LIBERTY DAY

President Makes Anniversary of Discovery of Continent Central Day of Loan Campaign

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AMUR PROVINCE CAPITAL TAKEN

Important City Falls To Japanese Cavalry—Main Body and Americans Advancing

TOKIO, September 20—(Special)—Announcement of the occupation by the Japanese cavalry of Blagovest, capital of the Amur province and the most stronghold in the Eastern Siberia of the Bolsheviks and former German and Austrian prisoners, was officially made today by the war department. The Japanese cavalry then entered the city belongs to the Twelfth Division, commanded by Lieutenant General N. Gai, with headquarters in Khabarovsk, capital of the Coast Province.

According to the official announcement the Japanese cavalry reached the capital of Blagovest on the night of September 8 to find that the city was practically abandoned by the enemy. After some feeble resistance by a small Bolshevik force, the Japanese entered the city at eleven thirty that night.

Find Tunnel Clocked—The main Japanese force, cooperating with an American force is now advancing from Khabarovsk by way of the Amur Railway. When the Japanese and Americans reached Khabarovsk, a city halfway between Khabarovsk and Blagovest, they discovered that a railroad tunnel beyond the city was blocked with destroyed box cars and many railroad bridges had been knocked down. The Japanese engineers are building new bridges to enable a steady advance of the main Japanese and American forces. The Japanese force of this contingent is commanded by Major General R. Yamada, a veteran of the Tsingtau siege four years ago.

Ordered Ships Arrest—The Amur River squadron, which was captured by the Japanese from the Bolsheviks when the city of Blagovest fell into the hands of the Japanese, is now manned by the Japanese officers and men. The squadron is steaming up the Amur River, cooperating with the land forces.

BATTLE LINE IN EAST RUSSIA SHOWN

VLADIVOSTOK, September 21—(Associated Press)—Following advice received today the Czechoslovak chief of staff announced that on Wednesday the battle line in Eastern Russia ran from Ynterburg through Kraevon, Kuzon, Samara and Nizhny, about 100 miles east of Oleska.

Other reports say that Karavon from on Wednesday severely defeated a Bolshevik force which was led by German officers, the battle occurring at Ukhinskaya.

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TURKISH ARMY IN PALESTINE SMASHED AND PUT TO FLIGHT

Cavalry and Tanks Tear Great Holes in Fleeing Ranks On Line Extending From River Jordan To Mediterranean Sea

WARSHIPS ARE AIDING WITH THEIR SHELL FIRE

Hostile Tribesmen Are Preventing Escape of Moslem Forces Across River and Their Only Outlet Is Toward the North

LONDON, September 21—(Associated Press)—From the River Jordan to the shores of the Mediterranean, along a front of forty miles, the main Turkish army in Palestine is in full retreat. Escape for any portion of it across the Jordan to the east and into the Nejd Desert is prevented by swarms of hostile tribesmen, who are holding the eastern bank and moving north ahead of the Turks.

CAVALRY IN ADVANCE

British, French and Arabian cavalry are operating well in advance of the Allied infantry and are tearing holes through the fleeing ranks of the Turks, while along the seacoast warships of the British navy are steaming and shelling the Turks whenever they offer themselves as a target along the coast line.

The rout of the Turks and their German allies appears to be complete, while the harrying cavalry has cut through in so many places that a strong turning movement may be possible that will round up the greater part of the Turkish forces.

TANKS OPEN WAY

The battle which smashed the Turkish lines and brought to an end the inactivity that has reigned along this front during the summer months began on Thursday, when the forces of General Allenby struck suddenly along a sixteen-mile front west from Rafat to the sea. Light tanks bore down the Turkish defenses, permitting the infantry and cavalry to swarm through and turn the Turks out of their whole sixteen-mile line.

This blow was struck between Rafat and the sea and the collapse of the Turkish line faced by the British was the signal for furious assaults along the rest of the Palestine front, from the west bank of the Jordan, north of Jericho, to the sea coast. By noon yesterday the Turks had been driven back for twelve miles, with heavy losses in killed, with the loss of much of their material and supplies and with many prisoners. The British, in the first smash captured three thousand.

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